



City of Seat Pleasant

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Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* signs Historic MOU with Prince George's Community College and Prince George's Chamber of Commerce
Prince George's Community College will offer a Smart Cities Curriculum to prepare for a Smart Workforce

Seat Pleasant, MD (June 20th) – Yesterday, The City of Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* held a ceremony announcing that it has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Prince George's Community College (PGCC) and Prince George's Chambers of Commerce (PGCOC).

This initiative will use the City of Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* as the model for creating a curriculum at Prince George's Community College pertaining to smart cities Workforce Development training. Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* is recognized as becoming a pioneer for smart cities being the FIRST authentic small smart city not only in Prince George's County, but in the state of Maryland. The partnership between Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*, PGCC and Prince George's Chambers of Commerce will create a smart city curriculum that will prepare and equip students with the knowledge and skills as they head into the growing smart workforce. This initiative will also provide economic development in Prince George's County creating new job opportunities that will support companies, businesses, and residents in Prince George's County as it continues into this digital era.

"We are thrilled and honored to create a partnership with Prince George's Community College and the Prince George's Chambers of Commerce. This partnership will prepare a workforce particularly in the African American community that is ready to take on the challenges of new innovations and jobs coming into our communities," says Seat Pleasant Mayor, Eugene W. Grant.

"The college is extremely happy to be a part of this partnership with Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence*, Prince George's Community College, and Prince George's Chamber of Commerce as we begin to develop digital literacy and digital skills that undergird smart city technologies and technologies that will support us into this new era.," stated Dr. Yvette Snowden, Associate Vice President of Workforce Development and Continuing Education for PGCC.

MOU Terms and Highlights

- Prince George’s Community College (PGCC) pledges to coordinate and deliver courses and training pertaining to Smart Cities education and workforce development
- PGCC and Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* will collaborate in the development of Smart City course framework
- Prince George’s Chambers of Commerce (PGCOC) will support PGCC and Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* in this initiative by assisting in the development of opportunities as they pertain to the smart city initiative

PGCC and PGCOC attaches great importance to collaboration with Seat Pleasant: *A Smart City of Excellence* gaining yet another major partnership to promote the vision for preparing for smart cities.

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About Seat Pleasant

Founded in 1931, the city of Seat Pleasant is a small bedroom community west of Washington, DC in Prince George’s County, Maryland. Its government is balanced with a Mayor and Seven Councilmembers. Seat Pleasant: A Smart City of Excellence is committed to finding ways to deliver services effectively and efficiently and provide meaningful and innovative methods to engage our citizenry. The City of Seat Pleasant is the first Smart City in the state of Maryland offering Smart City services that are better, faster, and personalized making it a “City for Me” using information and communication technology, with the internet of things.

For more information on the City of Seat Pleasant, visit online at www.seatpleasantmd.gov, Twitter @cityofseatpleasant or Facebook at www.facebook.com/cityofseatpleasant.

About PGCC

Prince George’s Community College is the number one choice of Prince George’s County residents for an undergraduate education and the leading institution in training and preparing employees for the county’s workforce. Among Prince George’s County high school graduates who go on to college, 50 percent choose to attend Prince George’s Community College. Since 1958, the college has provided students, the county, and region with high quality and affordable education, cutting-edge workforce and development training and the opportunity to achieve their dreams and aspirations.

Prince George’s Community College serves a diverse population of nearly 40,000 students who represent 103 countries throughout the world. The college offers more than 200 academic and workforce development and continuing education programs of study, and transfer and scholarship opportunities to four-year colleges and universities. Students can earn associate degrees, certificates, letters of recognition, and licensures.

About Prince George’s Chamber of Commerce

The Prince George's Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization representing businesses in Prince George's County-one of the largest chambers in the state of Maryland and the Washington Metropolitan region. We have earned a well-deserved reputation as the "Voice of Wealth Creation" for Prince George's County, through our aggressive pursuit of a healthy economic climate for business and an improved quality of life for County residents. Our mission is to advance the interests of business and help create wealth for a vibrant Prince George's County.